

## Mary Lou Terrien

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**From:** Ceylan Akturk <ceylan.akturk@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 24, 2016 11:13 AM  
**To:** Mary Lou Terrien  
**Subject:** Opposed to HB 5232

Dear Ms. Terrien,

I am writing to express my disappointment and dismay that legislation is on the table today that makes it more difficult to create historic districts in Michigan.

Such a move patently sells our historic architectural legacy to real estate interests who have no sense of or concern for the long view, and are willing to cast our historic legacy and character aside. Often, these interests erect short-term, architecturally ambiguous homes with little to no connection to the place they are built.

I would also point out that the considerations here aren't merely architectural, but historical. Part of what makes Detroit so vibrant, for example, is the fact that one can visit the Motown Museum or United Sound Systems studio and experience the place where the music was made. Such preservation links directly to tourism dollars. Let's not make it more difficult for such entities to be saved.

Our record on historic preservation in Michigan is already abysmal compared to other parts of the country. Let's not make it worse.

Please vote against HB5232 so that future generations of Michiganders may feel a historic connection to place.

Sincerely,  
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